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1. THE PRESENT THAI GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN NO PUBLIC STAND WITH RESPECT TO OUR DIEGO GARCIA PROPOSAL. THE KHUKRIT CABINET, BESET AS IT HAS BEEN WITH MORE URGENT DOMESTIC PROBLEMS, HAS UNDERSTANDABLY NOT VENTURED INTO THE TURBULENT WATERS OF THE INDIAN OCEAN CONTROVERSY. WE CAN, HOWEVER, PREDICT WITH SOME CONFIDENCE WHAT THE RTG WOULD SAY WHEN THE ISSUE GOES PUBLIC. THE TENOR IS LIKELY TO BE UNFAVORABLE.

2. THAI THINKING ON INTERNATIONAL SECURITY QUESTIONS, CONFIDENTIAL

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PARTICULARLY WHERE U.S. MILITARY FORCES ARE INVOLVED,

IS LIKELY TO BE "NEUTRALISH" AND CRITICAL OF THE U.S., REGARDLESS OF THE SPECIFIC PROPOSAL. MOREOVER, CHATCHAI CHUNHAWAN, WHO WAS ONLY DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER IN JULY 1974 WHEN HE WAS THE LEADING FORCE AGAINST OUR USE OF UTAPAO FOR P-3 RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS OVER THE INDIAN OCEAN, IS NOW THE FOREIGN MINISTER. THAI AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON, ANAN PANYARACHUN, WHO ALSO FIGURED PROMINENTLY IN THE EXCHANGE OVER P-3 FLIGHTS, IS BACK IN BANGKOK REVIEWING ALL U.S. -THAI SECURITY AGREEMENTS.

3. WE ARE CURRENTLY MOUNTING ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FLIGHTS TO DIEGO GARCIA OUT OF UTAPAO. IF INTENSIFIED CONSTRUCTION AT DIEGO GARCIA RESULTED IN A U.S. REQUEST OF THE RTG TO INCREASE SUPPORT OUT OF THAILAND, WE ARE LIKELY TO MEET DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING PERMISSION. THE AFTERTASTE OF THE MAYAGUEZ AFFAIR WOULD AFFECT THE RTG AND THAI PUBLIC OPINION ABOUT THIS ISSUE.

4. ONE CONSIDERATION MIGHT TEND TO MITIGATE THE ABOVE ATTITUDES: A PUBLIC PRC EXPRESSION TO THE THAI THAT CHINA WOULD NOT BE AVERSE TO AN EXPANDED AMERICAN PRESENCE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN AS A COUNTER-VAILING FORCE TO THE SOVIETS. WE DEEM SUCH A PRC STATEMENT UNLIKELY.

5. THAILAND IS EXPANDING ITS CONTACTS AND DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH COMMUNIST COUNTRIES AND REDUCING OUR MILITARY PRESENCE IN THAILAND. THE CHANCES OF THAILAND CONDONING AN EXPANSION OF OUR PRESENCE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN ARE SLIGHT.
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